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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	09/997,861-Conf. #6729
	Filing Date	November 29, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Timothy A. Hegemier
	Art Unit	3754
	Examiner Name	E. S. Keasel
	Attorney Docket Number	60680-1489

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 18-0013

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	August 24, 2004

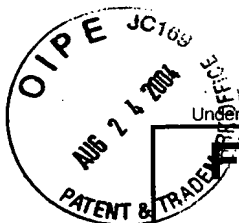
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<h1>FEE TRANSMITTAL</h1> <h2>for FY 2004</h2> <p><small>Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.</small></p>				Complete if Known	
				Application Number 09/997,861-Conf. #6729	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27				Filing Date November 29, 2001	
				First Named Inventor Timothy A. Hegemier	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 880.00				Examiner Name E. S. Keasel	
				Art Unit 3754	
METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)				Attorney Docket No. 60680-1489	
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The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Credit any overpayments <input type="checkbox"/> Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.				Large Entity Small Entity Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid	
FEE CALCULATION				1051 130 2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1. BASIC FILING FEE				1052 50 2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid				1053 130 1053 130 Non-English specification	
1001 770 2001 385 Utility filing fee				1812 2,520 1812 2,520 For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1002 340 2002 170 Design filing fee				1804 920* 1804 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1003 530 2003 265 Plant filing fee				1805 1,840* 1805 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1004 770 2004 385 Reissue filing fee				1251 110 2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1005 160 2005 80 Provisional filing fee				1252 420 2252 210 Extension for reply within second month	
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0.00				1253 950 2253 475 Extension for reply within third month	
2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE				1254 1,480 2254 740 Extension for reply within fourth month	
Total Claims -- = -- x -- = --				1255 2,010 2255 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month	
Independent Claims -- = -- x -- = --				1401 330 2401 165 Notice of Appeal	
Multiple Dependent -- = -- x -- = --				1402 330 2402 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Code Fee (\$) Fee Description Fee Paid				1403 290 2403 145 Request for oral hearing	
1202 18 2202 9 Claims in excess of 20				1451 1,510 1451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1201 86 2201 43 Independent claims in excess of 3				1452 110 2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1203 290 2203 145 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid				1453 1,330 2453 665 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1204 86 2204 43 ** Reissue independent claims over original patent				1501 1,330 2501 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1205 18 2205 9 ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent				1502 480 2502 240 Design issue fee	
SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) 0.00				1503 640 2503 320 Plant issue fee	
*or number previously paid, if greater. For Reissues, see above				1460 130 1460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
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